

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 35-40, 43, 44, 46, 47, 51-56 and 73-79 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 27, 43 and 73 are independent. Claims 3, 6, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 35-40, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 51-56 have been allowed. Claims 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 31, 35-40, 44 and 51-54 have been rejected. By this amendment, claims 3, 4, 7, 16, 18, 21, 25, 27, 28, 31, 35-40, 43, 44 and 51-53 have been amended. New claim 80 has been added.

Applicants note that the office action of March 27, 2003 does not address the previously added claims 73-79.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 31, 35-40, 44 and 51-54 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The office action indicates that the rejected claims show insufficient antecedent basis. In particular, the office action indicates that the term "said predetermined camera" of the claims has no antecedent basis.

Claims have been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. In particular, the phrase "said predetermined camera" of the claims has been amended to read "a predetermined camera".

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 4, 7, 16, 18, 20, 21, 28, 31,

35-40, 44 and 51-54 under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

A multiple dependent claim 80 has been added to recite the claimed invention in an alternative manner. Specifically, claim 80 further limits the “predetermined camera” of claims 4, 7, 16, 20, 21, 25, 28, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 44, 51, 52 and 53 as “said camera” of the corresponding independent claims (i.e., claims 3, 27 and 43). Claim 80 is accordingly believed to be allowable for at least similar reasons as for the other allowed claims including the independent claims.

Applicants believe that the added claim 80 is also in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

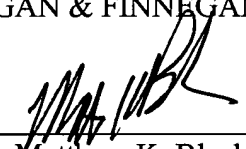
AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4253). **A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.**

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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